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this part until 14 days after it has given the Department and such foreign carrier written notice of its intent to deny such foreign carrier any or all of the protections of this part.

#### §255.12 Termination.

Unless extended, these rules on carrier-owned computer reservation systems shall terminate on March 31, 1999.

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# PART 256—DISPLAY OF JOINT OP-ERATIONS IN CARRIER-OWNED COMPUTER RESERVATIONS SYS-TEMS

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256.2 Applicability.

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AUTHORITY: Secs. 102, 204, 404, 411, 412, 419, 1102 Pub. L. 85-726 as amended, 72 Stat. 740, 743, 760, 769, 770, 797; 92 Stat. 1732; 94 Stat. 42; 49 U.S.C. 1302, 1324, 1374, 1381, 1382, 1389, 1502.

SOURCE: ER-1377, 49 FR 12677, Mar. 30, 1984, unless otherwise noted.

### §256.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to set forth a requirement for operation by air carriers of computer reservation systems used by travel agents so as to prevent unfair, predatory, and anticompetitive practices in air transportation.

## §256.2 Applicability.

This rule applies to air carriers or foreign air carriers that own, control, or operate computerized reservation systems for travel agent subscribers in the United States, and the sale in the United States of interstate, overseas, and foreign passenger air transportation through such systems.

#### §256.3 Definitions.

Carrier means any air carrier, any foreign air carrier, and any commuter air carrier, as defined in 49 U.S.C. 1301(3), 49 U.S.C 1301(22), and § 298.2(f) of this chapter, respectively that is engaged directly in the operation of aircraft in passenger air transportation.

Display means the system's presentation of carrier schedules, fares, rules

or availability to a subscriber by means of computer terminal.

Subscriber means a ticket agent, as defined in 49 U.S.C. 1301(40) of the Act, that holds itself out as a neutral source of information about, or tickets for the air transportation industry in general, and that has entered into an agreement for the use of a system.

System means a computerized airline reservation system offered by a carrier to subscribers, for use in the United States that contains information about schedules, fares, rules or availability of other carriers and that provides subscribers with the ability to issue tickets.

*System vendor* means a carrier that owns, controls or operates a system.

Designator code means the airline designations allotted and administered pursuant to Agreements CAB 24606 and 26056.

### §256.4 Display of information.

(a) A system vendor shall not deny access to its system to two or more carriers whose flights share a single designator code, absent a determination by the Board that the use of the code constitutes a violation of 49 U.S.C. 1381.

(b) A system vendor shall not discriminate against any carrier on the basis of that carrier's using the same designator code as another carrier, either by display bias, or any other means relating to providing the system

# PART 271—GUIDELINES FOR SUB-SIDIZING AIR CARRIERS PRO-VIDING ESSENTIAL AIR TRANS-PORTATION

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AUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. Chapters 401, 417.

SOURCE: ER-1398, 49 FR 49846, Dec. 24, 1984, unless otherwise noted.